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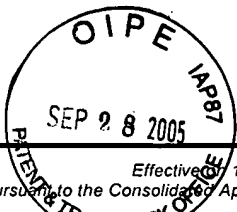
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)** **Multiple Dependent Claims**
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Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20
Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** **Fee (\$)** **Fee Paid (\$)**
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Examiner: S. Chen

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant(s) hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

- ☒ Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of each document cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed.
- ☐ No copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are being provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) because the publications were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior Application Serial No. ___ to which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.
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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing of:

- ☒ **a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113;**
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☐ an action that otherwise closes prosecution in this application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) also enclosed is:

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above-noted information and return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A to the undersigned.

Dated: September 26, 2005

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